

## **Pitchmarks**

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The greens at Sale Golf Club should be regarded as some of the finest in the county and to keep them in top condition it is essential that any pitchmarks are repaired as soon as possible. You may repair any pitchmarks on the green before putting.

Correctly repairing pitchmarks on the green takes a little time to do it properly but will improve the quality of our greens. Why not practice a little during your next round?

If you see any other pitch marks then please repair them when waiting to putt.

## **Rule 16-1c Repair of Hole Plugs, Ball Marks and Other Damage**

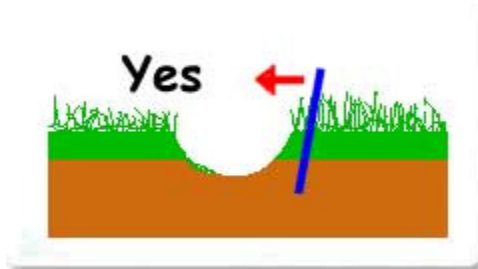
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The player may repair an old hole plug or damage to the putting green caused by the impact of a ball, whether or not the player's ball lies on the putting green. If the ball is moved in the process of such repair, it shall be replaced, without penalty. Any other damage to the putting green shall not be repaired if it might assist the player in their subsequent play of the hole.

A pitchmark only takes a few seconds to fix correctly however, a pitchmark repaired incorrectly takes over 3 weeks to heal. Please study the diagrams on how to correctly repair pitchmarks. Correct repair will help protect the grass root system and benefit all members and visitors to the course.

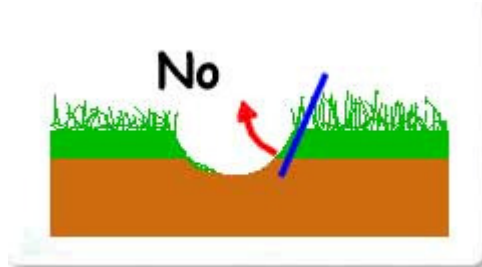
## **How to repair a pitchmark on a green**

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### **Correct Method**

1. Discard the loose piece of turf taken out by the ball
2. Insert the pitchmark repairer tool just outside of the back of the pitchmark
3. Lever the turf towards the centre of the pitchmark
4. Repeat this motion from all sides of the pitchmark
5. Gently tap the repaired area with your putter. This action stretches undamaged turf over the pitchmark, providing instant recovery



### **Incorrect Method**

1. DO NOT replace the loose piece of turf taken out by the ball. It will die and delay the healing process.
2. DO NOT pry up the centre of the depression with the pitchmark repairer as it exposes the soil and will delay the healing process
3. DO NOT insert the pitchmark repairer and twist it. This only breaks more turf loose